

# WOULD FREE FORGER

## Aunt of Charles Alexander Offers \$500 Bail.

### PATHTIC SCENE IS ENACTED

Mrs. Henrietta Little, who unwillingly gave police clerk that caused nephew's arrest, tries in vain to obtain his release—awaits trial for passing spurious check.

A pathetic scene which made moist the eyes of hardened police officials was enacted at police headquarters last night by Mrs. Henrietta Little, of 28 Myrtle street northeast.

Her nephew, Charles Alexander, forty years old, of 703 I street northwest, was arrested on Tuesday last on a charge of false pretenses, and is now at the District jail awaiting trial.

Alexander is charged with forging his aunt's name to a check for \$50 which he passed on a Seventh street clothing store. When the bank returned the check to the clothing store marked "N. G.", the latter notified the police.

Detectives took the check, examined the signature, and decided it was forged. To confirm their opinion they took the check to Mrs. Little and asked her to examine the signature. Unwittingly the woman took the check, scanned the name, and said, "No, I didn't write that." She did not realize the significance of her words, nor did she know that they would cause the arrest of her nephew.

Received News of Arrest.

The detectives left and several hours later Mrs. Little received word from Alexander. He was under arrest, he told her, and was accused of forging her name. Mrs. Little was stunned by the news. "To think that I," she said, "caused the arrest of my own nephew, my dear Charles," and she hung up the telephone, crying.

It was about 9 o'clock last night when a little woman of advanced age appeared before the desk sergeant at police headquarters. She was clad in a gray tailor-made suit, which matched the collar of hair piled on her head. She wore a little black hat and carried a large black handbag.

Gloating about nervously, the woman approached the desk sergeant and said: "I want to get Charles out." The sergeant was impressed by the kindly appearance of the aged woman, and invited her to have a chair. She accepted the invitation, and after a while told who "Charles" was and what he had done. "I understand that \$500 is demanded for his release," said the sergeant, beginning to look through a book of records. "Oh, I can pay that, all right," joyously exclaimed the woman, rising from her chair in her excitement at the prospect of getting "Charles" out of the cell, where he would likely have to spend the night.

But the aged woman's joy was nipped in the bud, for she was told a minute later that her nephew could not be released until morning. It was explained to her why this could not be done, but she said: "I don't understand anything about the law, but is it not possible for me to have him released?"

When informed that she must wait until morning, Mrs. Little broke down and wept. She sat in the chair for a few minutes, crying silently, her face hidden in her hands. Then she arose and slowly left the room.

### JEWELRY THEFT A MYTH.

Mrs. Samantha Baer's Apparent Stopped Police Department.

At 7:30 o'clock last night Mrs. Samantha Baer, who conducts a boarding-house at 225 Fourteenth street northwest, notified the police she had been robbed of jewelry valued at more than \$300.

As the police believed they had in custody two men responsible for several boarding-house thefts in Washington recently, the information that thefts were being continued created excitement at police headquarters. Detective Cox was sent to the scene, and the police of the Tenth precinct began an investigation.

Mrs. Baer declared her valuables had been stolen from her bedroom by a man who had applied for lodging at the boarding-house in the afternoon.

About 11 o'clock Mrs. Baer called up police headquarters over a telephone and told Night Chief of Detectives Hartley she had found the jewelry. "I misplaced it, that's all," said Mrs. Baer.

### HENEY IS NOMINATED.

Wins Out by Close Margin in San Francisco Primary.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The election under the new law passed by the last legislature which took place yesterday, resulted in a serious blow to the strongest advocates of a direct primary.

The serious fight at the polls was for the Republican nomination for mayor and supervisor. William Crocker, who was nominated by a committee of business men, defeated Byron Maury, the nominee of the Independent Republicans.

Maury was the acknowledged candidate of those who favor a continuation of the trial of graft cases.

Francis J. Heney was not regularly nominated for district attorney, but his friends wrote his name in Republican, Democratic, and Union Labor party tickets.

"On the Republican and Union Labor tickets, he was badly beaten, but he secured the nomination on the Democratic ticket by a narrow margin, and in consequence is in position to make an active and aggressive campaign at the polls with a chance of election."

It is generally considered that the defeat of Maury, who had the active support of Rudolph Spreckles and other backers of graft prosecution, means the complete collapse of the prosecution.

### FIRST STATE TO RATIFY.

Come Signs Resolution for Amendment to U. S. Constitution.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 18.—The resolution ratifying the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution was signed by Gov. Comer today, an action that, he says, gave him much pleasure. He is in thorough accord with the measure.

By Gov. Comer's action, Alabama, the first State in the Union alphabetically, is the first State to ratify the amendment. The resolution was passed unanimously in the senate, and in the house there were only two votes against it.

Thief Caught in Trap.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 18.—Ed Taylor, negro, a porter at Orchard's drug store, a Main street pharmacy, was arrested this morning about 1 o'clock in the store, where he had gone for the purpose of robbery. When the store was being locked up last night Taylor was seen to slip the bolt from the door and enter inside and waited. Three hours later he was rewarded by seeing the negro enter the door he had unlocked. He was arrested before he had secured any booty.

# BUNTING GETS PLUM.

Alvah Martin's Friend Made Census Supervisor in Virginia.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18.—The Virginian-Pilot this morning says: R. P. Bunting, of Portsmouth, was yesterday appointed supervisor of the census in the Second district. The appointment came from President Taft, and was not an unexpected one, as Mr. Bunting has been foreknowledge as the probable recipient of this plum.

He is a man prominent in the Republican affairs of Norfolk County. In Western Branch district he has held a magistracy for years, and always dabbled actively in politics, affiliating with the G. O. P. He held, and now holds, the chairmanship of the Republican district committee, and was at one time mentioned as a possibility for the post-mastership of Portsmouth.

It is known that he had the support of National Committeeman Martin in seeking the appointment as supervisor of the census in this district.

# MOTHER IS MISSING

Buy Family Groceries and Then Disappears.

POLICE ARE MAKING SEARCH

Mrs. Ida V. Bonds, of Chevy Chase, Told Her Children She Was Going to Purchase Dinner, and Has Not Returned—Last Seen in Seventh Street Store—Left Goods in Store.

The police are confronted with a mystery in the disappearance on Tuesday last of Mrs. Ida V. Bonds, forty-three years old, whose home is in Daniels road, East Chevy Chase.

The circumstances attending the woman's disappearance are the strangest which have come to the attention of the police in months. Every effort is being made to find a trace of the woman after she left a grocery in Seventh street northwest about noon on Tuesday, but no one has been found who saw the woman after she left the store.

Mrs. Bonds is the wife of a carpenter, and the mother of four children, the youngest of which is four and one-half years old. She has been married for twenty years, and has been a devoted mother and wife.

She was last seen on Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, when she was going down town to buy groceries for dinner.

Left Goods in Store.

Mrs. Bonds rode to a branch store of the Sundry Grocery Company in Seventh street, where she was known by clerks. She purchased \$3 worth of groceries, which were placed in a basket for her. She left the basket on the floor, saying she was going out to make other purchases, and would return in a few minutes. She did not return, and has not been heard from since.

Mrs. Bonds' first husband, named Rye, died several years ago. She had three sons by Rye. William H. Rye, one of the sons, is employed by the Capital Traction Company in this city. Another son is an electrician in Baltimore, and the third son is a school teacher in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Bonds is five feet five inches in height, of medium build, and has dark hair and dark complexion. When she disappeared she wore a black straw sailor hat, trimmed with red flowers and ribbon.

A description of Mrs. Bonds has been sent to the eleven police precincts in this city. If any of them is not found in a few days the Washington police will send descriptive circulars to the police of other cities, asking that a search be made for her.

It was thought Mrs. Bonds was taken ill or met with an accident and might be confined in a hospital. Every hospital in Washington has been searched by the police, but no patient resembling Mrs. Bonds was found.

# EXPLOSIONS RUIN GAS PLANT

Score of Men Injured in Philadelphia Works.

Reading Railway Suffers Severe Loss in Noon Day Disaster—No Fatalities Resulted.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—Three explosions in rapid succession this afternoon completely destroyed the Pinta gas manufacturing plant of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Ninth street and Fairmount avenue, and resulted in the injury of a score of men who were at work in the building.

Though the explosions occurred at an hour when all the men employed in the plant were at their posts, and though a rush of flames and clouds of thick black smoke followed instantly upon the first detonation, cutting off every exit, there were no fatalities, and none is likely to result.

Vice President Theodore Voorhees, of the Reading Railway, hurried to the scene as soon as he heard of the affair, and made sure that no lives had been lost. Then he directed that the tracks be cleared as quickly as possible and traffic resumed.

Practically the whole gas-making plant was wiped out.

# SAID HE WAS SHOT.

Man Later Admits Trying Suicide and Wants to Live.

Boston, Aug. 18.—At noon today a man staggered into the relief hospital and informed the clerk in charge that he was ill. He collapsed on the floor and on examination by Dr. Packard, the resident surgeon, it was found that he had three bullet wounds in his left breast, each within an inch of his heart.

Fatherland declared a man entered his room and shot him.

All efforts to shake his story were unavailing, and when he lapsed into unconsciousness late in the afternoon he still maintained that he had been shot.

Just before death he regained his senses and admitted that he had fired the fatal shots. Then he felt sorry and had a desire to live.

# PAYS \$10,000 FOR PLAYER.

Cincinnati, Aug. 18.—A decision by the National Baseball Commission today revealed a new record in prices paid by Union League players. President Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, established the new mark in paying \$10,000 for its equivalent, to the Providence club for infielder Blackburn to-day. Chicago paid \$6,500 in cash and two players, valued at \$3,500.

# NEARS TWO BILLIONS

Wilson's Report on Value of Farm Products.

### FAST BECOMING PLUTOCRAT

Annual Report of Secretary of Agriculture Shows Farm Products Reach Enormous Sum of \$7,778,000,000, Biggest in World's History—Corn the Greatest of All.

It used to be, Lo! the poor farmer. Now it's Oh, the plutocratic agriculturist.

At least, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, in his annual report, made public yesterday, thinks those who have been playing the ruralist had better wake up to the fact that during the past year—that is, the crop year of 1938—there was a net gain in the value of crops which raises the total valuation of farm products up to the astonishing total of \$7,778,000,000, the biggest in the world's history—corn the greatest of all.

"While these figures contain some duplication," the Secretary explains, "on the other hand, they do not contain some important items of wealth production, and the fact remains that the unthinkable amount of seven and three-fourths billions of dollars of wealth have been produced by farmers this year for national sustenance and for export to the craving millions of foreign nations.

Tangible Wealth.

"It is a real tangible wealth as it exists at the time it leaves the hands of the producer. It is about four times the value of the products of the mines, including mineral oils and precious metals. From these agricultural products the manufacturing and mechanical industries that use agricultural products as materials draw 8.3 per cent of their total materials, and these industries use 42 per cent of all materials used in the entire business of manufacturing. These figures indicate the extent to which the manufacturing industries are indebted to agriculture, although no recognition is given to this fact in usual statements of the value of manufactures."

"The value of farm products this year is \$2,000,000,000 above the value for 1937, and \$6,000,000,000 above the census value for 1936. During the last ten years the wealth production on the farms of this country has exceeded the fabulous amount of \$60,000,000,000."

"Greatest of all crops is Indian corn, the principal gift of the Indian. The value of this crop almost surpasses belief. It is \$1,155,000,000. This wealth that has grown out of the soil in four months of rain and sunshine, and some drought, too, is enough to pay for the Panama Canal and fifty battle ships."

### COTTON EXCEEDS HAY.

"For the first time in the history of the country's agriculture, the value of the cotton crop, including seed, has apparently exceeded the value of the hay crop, which has heretofore held second place for a long series of years."

"Wheat is 1.5 per cent above the five-year average in production, and 2.3 per cent above that average in total value."

"The value of the farm products of the dairy cows are getting closer and closer to \$60,000,000, and the eggs and poultry produced on the farm are worth as much as the cotton crop, seed included, or the hay crop, or the wheat crop. To the farmer who has averaged hardly 20 cents a pound for the butter that he has sold, and 2 or 4 cents a quart for his milk, and about 1 1/2 cents for each egg, and even to the consumer, who has paid prices much above these, this increase in value is striking."

### THORNTON DAVIES APPOINTED.

New Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince William Is Named.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Manassas, Va., Aug. 18.—Judge J. B. T. Thornton today appointed Hanes Thornton Davies Commonwealth's attorney for Prince William County, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Commonwealth's Attorney J. Jenkin Davies. Mr. Davies is the nephew of Judge Thornton and State Senator Ewell Thornton, and a former law partner of the former. He was a brother and law partner of the late Commonwealth's attorney.

This county has had four attorneys for the Commonwealth within two years. Two years ago, Judge J. B. T. Thornton held that position, and had just been re-nominated for another four years, when he resigned on September 2, 1937, to accept the judgeship. He then appointed Robert A. Hutcheson, who was appointed to fill the vacancy, but who died of an undiagnosed illness on September 1, 1938.

J. Jenkin Davies was afterward elected for a term of four years, but his death created a vacancy, which has just been filled by appointment. Judge Thornton himself first became Commonwealth's attorney in 1934, when he was afterward elected several successive terms.

It is a remarkable coincidence that the attorneys for the Commonwealth for Alexandria City, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier, all obtained their positions originally by appointment.

Upon the death of Commonwealth's attorney, Leonard Marbury, of Alexandria City, some years ago, Judge J. C. Bailey appointed S. G. Brent to fill the vacancy, and he has since been elected his own successor. When Judge James M. Love, of Fairfax County, resigned as Commonwealth's attorney, he accepted the appointment as judge, upon the death of Judge Chickister, he appointed C. Vernon Ford his successor, and Mr. Ford still holds the office by successive elections. E. E. Garrett, Commonwealth's attorney for Loudoun County, was first appointed to that position about thirteen or fourteen years ago, by Judge Tebbis, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. B. McCabe, who also had been appointed to fill a vacancy. J. A. C. Keith, Commonwealth's attorney for Loudoun County, was appointed acting Commonwealth's attorney by Judge C. E. Nicol, to take the place of James P. Jeffries, who was incapacitated from performing the duties of the office by sickness. Mr. Keith has since been elected.

### COKE PRODUCERS COMBINE.

Long Expected Merger Will Be Effected in Near Future.

New York, Aug. 18.—It was authentically reported here today that the long anticipated combination of independent coke producers and furnace coke producers in the Connelville district and surrounding territory will probably be put through in thirty or sixty days, and it will be followed by a rise of from 30 to 40 cents a ton in coke.

This is about the only material used in the manufacture of iron and steel that has not gone up of late, but under the contemplated advance will entail an additional cost of about 75 cents a ton to those producers of pig iron who are dependent on others for their coke, as in fact, most of the manufacturers are. In addition, it would appear from the advances received by local interests, there is also a shortage of labor in the coke regions, which threatens to curtail production.

# REPUBLICANS INDORSE SLOAN.

He Will Oppose Judge Boyd—Oppose Baltimore Programme.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 18.—The Republicans of Allegany County held a harmonious convention and endorsed D. Lindley Sloan for chief judge of the Fourth circuit to oppose Judge Boyd, the Democratic nominee.

The resolutions, in part, say: "It is clear to the minds of the Republicans of Allegany County that Baltimore City is making an invidious effort to secure greater predominance in the legislative halls of this State than she now possesses, and that this convention believes that the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of Maryland, increasing the representation of Baltimore City in the legislature of Maryland in proportion to the population of the largest county in the State, namely, Baltimore County, will unduly disturb the political balance in the State as between the counties of the State and Baltimore City."

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Over 100 delegates marched from the law offices of De Warren H. Reynolds to the convention hall. They wore badges of white silk surmounted with a medalion portrait of Judge Boyd. Many prominent citizens of Cumberland and Allegany counties occupied seats on the stage, while in the auditorium were seated the delegates. In the audience were many women.

Called Together by Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds called the convention to order, acting on behalf of the State central committee for Allegany County. He named the following temporary officers: Edward W. Mealy, Washington County, chairman; Philip McMahon, Allegany County, and J. L. McCroble, Garrett County, vice presidents; Charles M. Danzer, Washington County; James P. Gaffney, Allegany County, and C. M. Miller, Garrett County, secretaries. These officers were afterward made the permanent officers of the convention.

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The skies were overcast with clouds and the night was pitchy black as the airship made its appearance. The signal light at its head was dazzling white and it illuminated the sky as the engine propelled the craft directly over the station at a height which was thought by the captain to be a little more than an eighth of a mile.

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